

[Translation]

Export of Floricultural Products

*337. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is great potentiality of exporting floricultural products from the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote the export of floriculture; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Exports of floricultural products during the last three years i.e. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as under :

(Value Rs. in Lakhs)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(i) Cut Flowers Fresh	99.64	299.81	1013.83
(ii) Other Cut Flowers and Flower Buds.	1092.12	1957.80	3411.38

(Source : DGCI & S, Calcutta)

State-wise data of exports is not maintained. No study has been conducted by this Ministry to assess the potential of exports of floricultural products exclusively from the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) Some of the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of floricultural products, inter-alia, include :

1. Providing Financial assistance for development of infrastructure such as refrigerated/insulated vans and setting up of pre-cooling/cold storage units;
2. Establishing five walk-in-type cold storages at airports (including Delhi) for export consignments awaiting clearance;
3. Setting up of a dedicated facility for handling export cargos of perishable products including cut flowers and tissue culture plants at international airport at Delhi;
4. Streamlining and simplification of plant quarantine procedures for expeditious clearance of cargo;
5. Concessional customs duty on specified goods required for Green Houses;
6. Making available the benefits of duty free imports under the 100% Export Oriented Units/Export Processing Zones Schemes to units engaged in floriculture and permitting sale of 50% of their production in the Domestic Tariff Area;

7. Implementation of a UNDP-assisted Project on Floriculture for enhancing production and exports of cut flowers. Some of the activities to be undertaken in this project include of crop manuals, undertaking market surveys in international fairs/exhibitions.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Economic Cooperation with Thailand

*338. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to establish economic cooperation with Thailand;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Thailand economic cooperation is proposed to be established;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed between the two countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. India and Thailand are co-operating extensively in trade, investment, industrial and other economic areas.

(c) and (d) A Bilateral Trade Agreement, an Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and an Air Services Agreement are amongst the bilateral agreements that have been signed officially between the two sides.

Export of Tobacco

*339. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of tobacco exported during 1995-96;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned as a result thereof country-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase its export during 1996-97;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). The total quantity and value of Tobacco exported during 1995-96 is as under :

Tobacco	Qty. (tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
Unmanufactured	61517	297.31
Manufactured	9913	68.50
Total	71430	365.81

Country-wise details are available in the monthly bulletin/Annual numbers of the 'Foreign Trade Statistics of India' published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI & S), Calcutta copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) to (e). Keeping in view the export performance during 1995-96 and the prospects of exports during 1996-97, Government has fixed the targets for exports as mentioned below :

Tobacco	Qty. (tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
Unmanufactured	65000.00	325.00
Manufactured	11000.00	77.00
Total	76000.00	402.00

Foreign Collaboration in Indian Projects

*340. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the foreign countries who have offered to set up their projects in private sector/public sector in India, country-wise and project-wise; and

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). The details of projects approved, both country-wise and sector-wise involving foreign direct investment during the post policy period i.e. from 01.08.91 to 31.05.96 are given in the enclosed Statement-I and Statement-II attached respectively.

STATEMENT-I

Countrywise Approvals for Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Technology Agreement during the Post Policy period from August 1991 to May 1996

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	Name of country	Total Approvals			Amount of Invest. Foreign
		Total	Tech.	Fin.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Afganistan	1	0	1	0.10
2.	Australia	169	75	94	2057.40
3.	Armenia	1	0	1	0.10
4.	Austria	139	95	44	96.23
5.	Bahamas	4	0	4	9.35
6.	Bahrain	7	0	7	7.52
7.	Argentina	2	1	1	18.38
8.	Belgium	68	28	40	434.45

1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	Belorussia	1	0	1	0.05
10.	Bermuda	8	1	7	176.07
11.	Brazil	11	8	3	0.12
12.	British Virginia	13	7	6	16.22
13.	Bulgaria	3	2	1	1.91
14.	Canada	118	58	60	1558.18
15.	Cayman Island	2	0	2	6.50
16.	Channel Island	5	1	4	3.25
17.	China	47	30	17	669.96
18.	Croatia	1	1	0	0.00
19.	Czech Republic	24	18	6	7.77
20.	Cyprus	5	2	3	0.47
21.	Denmark	92	39	53	256.96
22.	Estonia	2	0	2	7.31
23.	Finland	60	35	25	82.03
24.	Chile	1	1	0	0.00
25.	France	293	156	137	1299.64
26.	Greece	2	0	2	0.60
27.	Germany	1060	591	469	2981.89
28.	Hawai Islands	2	2	0	0.00
29.	Hongkong	105	22	83	990.91
30.	Hungary	14	6	8	2.43
31.	Indonesia	8	2	6	315.58
32.	Ireland	36	10	26	208.88
33.	Isle of Man	2	1	1	0.73
34.	Israel	95	47	48	4159.78
35.	Italy	413	242	171	1112.79
36.	Liechtenstein	1	1	0	0.00
37.	Japan	573	391	182	2926.66
38.	Kazakhstan	1	0	1	1.50
39.	Korea (North)	1	0	1	0.17
40.	Lebanon	2	2	0	0.00
41.	Korea (South)	227	86	141	2636.46
42.	Kuwait	8	0	8	444.73
43.	Latvia	3	1	2	0.26
44.	Luxembourg	9	0	9	57.50
45.	Malaysia	48	9	39	1507.38
46.	Mauritius	116	7	109	3359.34
47.	Mexico	9	2	7	252.42
48.	Maldives	1	0	1	0.60
49.	NRI	549	5	544	3575.21
50.	Nepal	2	0	2	3.02
51.	Netherlands	439	197	242	1926.11
52.	New Zealand	20	13	7	50.69
53.	Nigeria	2	0	2	1.54
54.	Norway	30	14	16	9.15
55.	Oman	9	1	8	566.23
56.	Panama	3	1	2	2.55
57.	Papua New Guinea	1	0	1	1.92
58.	Phillipines	34	18	16	351.08
59.	Poland	12	9	3	4.95
60.	Portugal	12	7	5	188.92